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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the 100th memorial commemoration of the Showmen's League of America's Showmen's Rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Forest Park; and

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WHEREAS, The Showmen's League of America (SLA) was founded in 1913 by a group of outdoor showmen meeting at the Saratoga Hotel in Chicago; Buffalo Bill Cody, the Wild West performer, was elected the club's first president; the SLA is the oldest organization of its type in North America; and

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WHEREAS, The SLA is a community of showpeople, both men and women, who are dedicated to service and fellowship; by providing scholarships, financial aid, and memorial services, they promote the mutual welfare of their members and all showpeople, in good times and bad; and

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WHEREAS, The Showmen's Rest symbolizes the devotion the SLA's has to its members and to showpeople; set in Woodlawn Cemetery, surrounded by five elephants, trunks lowered in mourning, it remains the final resting place for many its members; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
2 recognize the 100th memorial commemoration of the Showmen's  
3 League of America's Showmen's Rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in  
4 Forest Park; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the SLA as a symbol of our respect and esteem.